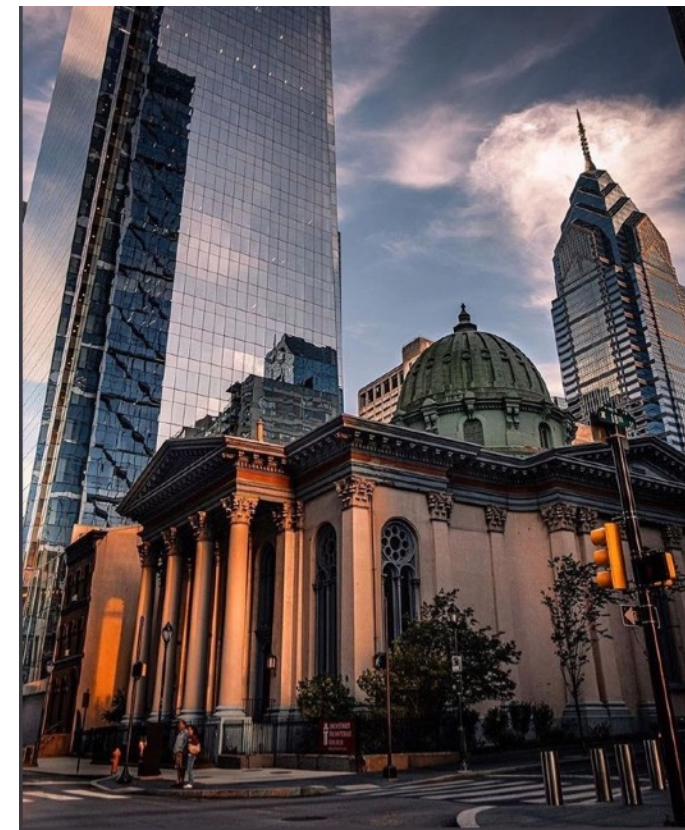


ARCH STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 27, , 2020
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

Song of Praise: God is Here
As Sung By Karen Clark Sheard
Recorded: 09.29.2019



Greetings from the Corner
of
18th and Arch Streets

WORK OF THE COMMUNITY

- Welcome to our visitors!
- Do you have a voting plan? We can help!
- Interested in membership? Send an email and let's chat!

WELCOME TO VIRTUAL WORSHIP WITH YOUR HOSTS, PASTOR CARLA AND PASTOR BILL

Call To Worship

L: Only the hungry search for bread.

P: Only the thirsty look for water.

L: This is a place for those who are hungry and thirsty in spirit.

P: Only those who ache for meaning will pursue it.

L: Only those who yearn for a deeper life will seek it.

P: This is a place for those who ache and yearn for something more.

L: So let us come here today with our hunger and thirst,
our unsatisfied longings, our heart-felt yearnings,
and let the God of life satisfy our souls

OPENING HYMN: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

TEXT: WILLIAM WILLIAMS MUSIC: JOHN HUGHES

RECORDED: 02.12.2017

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

OPENING HYMN: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

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**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**God of mercy, hear the prayers of your thirsting people.
For every time we have attributed your miracles in our lives
to our own hands alone,
Forgive us, we pray.**

**For every time we promised to trust you but turned to our own way
when your response did not come soon enough
or in the way we expected,
Grant us mercy, O God.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**For the many opportunities to extend forgiveness
that we have refused,
Show us what it means to love, again, dear Lord.**

**For each way we put our own understandings above your wisdom,
For each time we resist your command to be reconciled with those
who believe differently from us,
Direct us in the way of peace, we pray.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION/ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**For our silent sins, our quiet acts of violence,
and our indifference to the suffering round us,
Forgive us, Loving One, and quench our thirst with your grace;
Remake us into vessels of tenderness and compassion.
For Christ's sake we pray. Amen.**

A moment for silent reflection and confession

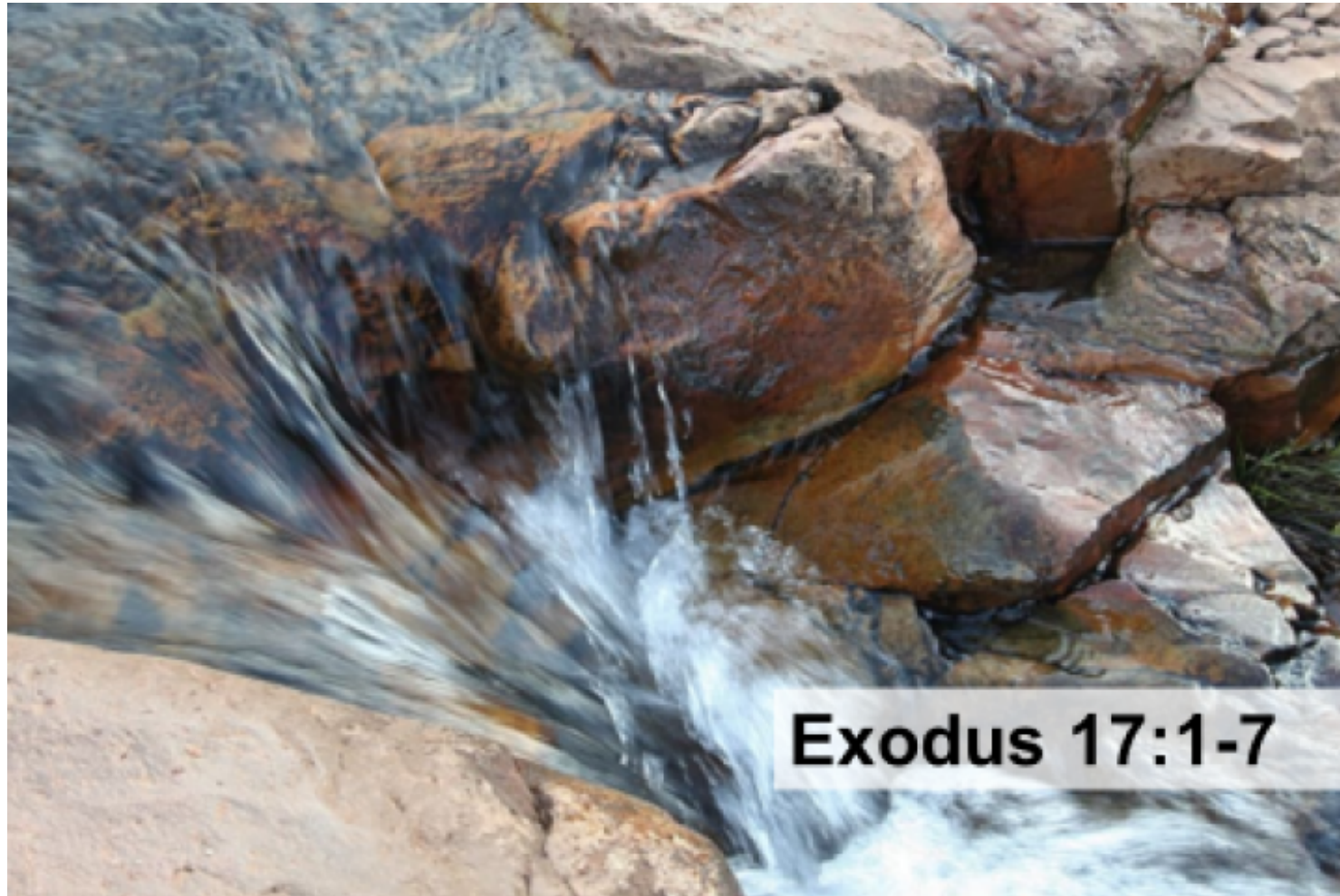
Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

SCRIPTURE - EXODUS 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

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Exodus 17:1-7

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

Markus Beam, soloist

Dr. J. Donald Dumpson, piano

Sebastian Temple, composer

Recorded: 10.15.2017



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

Amen.

A BLESSING AND AN INVITATION

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